

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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| In re: | Chapter 11 |
| CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION, L.L.C., | Case No. 20-33239 (DRJ) |
| Reorganized Debtor. | (Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case Chesapeake Energy Corporation, Case No. 23-33233) |
| | Re: Docket No. 347 |
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 8003, the MEC Class Plaintiffs (identified in Part 1 below) respectfully submit this Notice of Appeal.

Part 1: Identify the appellants

The appellants are the MEC Class Plaintiffs. The MEC Class refers to a class of lessors in Pennsylvania whose leases included a “Market Enhancement Clause” (MEC), and who entered into a class settlement with the debtor in March 2023. The class representatives who signed that settlement are James P. Burger, Jr., Barbara H. Burger, Donald G. Fuller, Karen M. Fuller, Randy K. Hemerly, Linda J. Schlick, and Janet C. Young.

Part 2: Identify the subject of this appeal

This appeal is from the Bankruptcy Court’s Order granting the Reorganized Debtor’s Motion for an Order: (i) Enforcing the Confirmation Order and Plan Against the Reorganized Debtors, and (ii) Declaring the MEC Settlement and the Non-MEC Settlement Null and Void, entered on August 31, 2023 (Dkt. 347). A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Part 3: Identify the other parties to the appeal

The debtors are the other parties to the appeal.

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Part 4: Optional election to have appeal heard by District Court (applicable only in certain districts)

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing on counsel of record via electronic case filing.

Executed on this the 14th day of September, 2023.

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EXHIBIT A

ENTERED

August 31, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

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| | § Re: Docket No. <u>322</u> |

**ORDER (I) ENFORCING THE CONFIRMATION ORDER AND PLAN AGAINST THE
REORGANIZED DEBTORS; AND (II) DECLARING THE MEC SETTLEMENT AND
THE NON-MEC SETTLEMENT NULL AND VOID**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the “Reorganized Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”), (a) enforcing the Confirmation Order and Plan with respect to the continued prosecution by the plaintiffs in the Pennsylvania Royalty Cases of any pre-Effective Date claims against the Reorganized Debtors; and (b) declaring that the MEC Settlement and the Non-MEC Settlement are null and void, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Reorganized

¹ A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://dm.epiq11.com/chesapeake>. The location of Reorganized Debtor Chesapeake Energy Corporation’s principal place of business and the Reorganized Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Reorganized Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the confirmed plan and the Court's Confirmation Order, all persons are prohibited from commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any claim against any of the Debtors and/or the Reorganized Debtors that arose prior to the Effective Date of the confirmed plan. Any such pending claims shall be dismissed with prejudice within 14 days. Nothing herein shall affect any person's rights to seek lawful discovery from the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors.
2. The MEC Settlement and the Non-MEC Settlement are null and void.
3. Notice of the Motion shall be deemed good and sufficient notice and the requirements of Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Bankruptcy Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
4. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.
5. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: August 31, 2023.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE